

Architect of Policy

William Putnam Bundy

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ity and never-failing respect for those who come for guidance and information.

William's feeling for others led him into a scrap with

WASHINGTON, May 28—

They used to call William Putnam Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, "the other Bundy."

The Bundy most people knew was the 46-year-old Assistant Secretary's Brother, McGeorge, who is 18 months his junior.

Man McGeorge served with relative prominence as assistant to President Kennedy for national security and he is still in the White House with the same title under President Johnson. Now, however, it is William who has become more visible as a central figure in the United States' policy-planning on critical security developments.

In the gathering of high officials President Johnson has ordered for Honolulu next week, the Assistant Secretary of State will not be the highest-ranking man, but he will be among the most listened to.

Before assuming his present responsibilities at the State Department last February, he served at the Pentagon as Deputy and then Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

Worked for C.I.A.
Before that he was for 10 years with the Central Intelligence Agency, except for a brief interruption in 1960 when he was a member of President Eisenhower's Commission on National Goals.

Inevitably he has been compared with his brother. They come from a Boston family with a tradition of public service. Their father, Harvey Hollister Bundy, was secretary to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

William was born in Washington on Sept. 24, 1917, while his father was counsel to the World War I Food Administration. Harvey Bundy later served as Henry L. Stimson's assistant, in the pre-World War II years when Mr. Stimson was Secretary of State and during the war, when Mr. Stimson was Secretary of War.



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Definitely a Democrat

Both sons prepared at Groton, got their baccalaureate degrees at Yale and their postgraduate degrees at Harvard. Both are slim and athletic and play tennis regularly.

McGeorge, who majored in mathematics, went into teaching and became dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at Harvard before going to the White House.

Joined Law Firm

William majored in history and studied law. After serving in the Army during World War II, he was a member briefly of a Washington law firm, then joined the Central Intelligence Agency.

Both brothers are aggressive, decisive and intellectually sharp. William combines these qualities with informal-

Carthy in 1953. Mr. Bundy gave some money for the legal defense of Alger Hiss, believing that the disgraced State Department official deserved a full defense and that the Hiss family could not afford it.

Senator McCarthy failed, however, in his attacks upon Mr. Bundy, who was then in the C.I.A. The Senator was thwarted in an effort to keep Mr. Bundy from obtaining a passport for a European vacation.

Adamant on Party

On one subject, William Bundy is a tiger—that's politics. He is a Democrat, unlike his brother, who is a Republican, and he does not like mistakes about it. When a newspaper called him a Republican recently, he demanded a published correction.

Intermittently there is good-natured speculation in Washington about which brother will get to be Secretary of State, as if success for one were a foregone conclusion. Each brother has his partisans.

Odds Have Shifted

For a while during the Kennedy Administration, the odds favored McGeorge. Now the long-striding William seems to have forged ahead. He has a former Secretary of State rooting for him on the sidelines; he is married to the former Mary Acheson, daughter of Dean Acheson, Secretary of State in the Truman Administration.

The William Bundy's and their three children live in the Cleveland Park section of the District of Columbia. When Mr. Bundy is not in some faraway land, as he often is these days, they work and play at a family farm nearby in Maryland.